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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
ROUNDTABLE ATTENDEES**

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SUBJECT: Documents from the 2001 Alaska RAB Roundtable

1. Thank you for attending the Alaska RAB Roundtable. We were pleased to be able to bring together RAB members, regulators, military personnel and other stakeholders from all over Alaska to share experiences and address common issues associated with the Department of Defense's Environmental Cleanup program in Alaska.

2. With this memo, we are providing all Roundtable attendees with the following:

- a. A bulleted list entitled Stakeholder Input summarizing the topics that were brought up throughout the Roundtable (Atch 1).
- b. A summary of Stakeholder Issues from the afternoon session where we focused on three "common" issues that seemed to be of interest to most attendance (Atch 2).
- c. A list of all Roundtable attendees (Atch 3) to facilitate additional communications between attendees; and
- d. A list of all the comments we received in response to an evaluation form, which was distributed at the Roundtable (Atch 4).

The views and opinions reflected in these attachments reflect the input received during the Roundtable and do not represent official Air Force positions.

3. In keeping with a pledge we made at the Roundtable, we will make certain that copies of all the documents listed above are forwarded to the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for the Environment. This will ensure that the input we received from Stakeholders at the Roundtable is reviewed at a national level.

4. During the Roundtable and in the evaluation forms we received, there was a lot of discussions/suggestions regarding the need for an Internet based

electronic bulletin board to facilitate discussions on Alaska clean-up issues. Following the Roundtable, we learned that the Department of Defense through the Defense Technical Information Center maintains such a bulletin board at <http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/rab/bboard.html>. This bulletin board has historically been under utilized, and appears to be an excellent mechanism to facilitate discussions on Alaska clean-up issues.

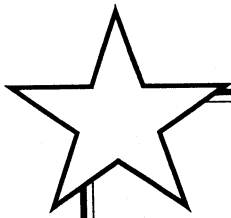
5. Again, we appreciate everyone's participation in the Roundtable. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. David Cook, 808-448-6697 or dave.cook@hickam.af.mil.



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Attachments:

1. RAB Roundtable Stakeholder Inputs
2. RAB Roundtable Stakeholder Issues
3. List of RAB Roundtable Attendees
4. RAB Roundtable Evaluation Summary



Alaska Statewide Restoration Advisory Board

RAB Roundtable 2001 Summary

February 8, 2001
Egan Center
Anchorage, Alaska



STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- ? ? Develop and distribute to each RAB a prioritized list of all planned site cleanups in Alaska with relative risk rankings for all associated sites
 - Update as needed
 - Include cleanup budget information with the list
- ? ? Education + Knowledge = Trust
- ? ? Allow RABs to participate in setting cleanup priorities
- ? ? Debris Removal is a very important issue in Alaska
- ? ? Move RAB meetings to locations within communities
- ? ? Arrange for all potential "players" to attend RAB meetings
- ? ? Provide assistance in getting citizens together for meetings
- ? ? Clean-up take too long, while health of citizens is being affected
- ? ? Explain difference between active Installation VS FUDs clean-ups to communities
- ? ? Establish an Internet forum for Alaska RABs w/ a designated administrator
- ? ? Provide training for local hires--maintain training certifications after training is complete
- ? ? Increase/accelerate clean-up schedules
- ? ? Host potlatches (potlucks) in small communities
- ? ? Identify a single points-of-contact for coordination of all military branches and agencies - do not maintain individual military points-of-contact for individual military branch responsibilities.
- ? ? Place administrative records on the internet
- ? ? Determine long term effects of buried materials
- ? ? Conduct additional testing of groundwater contamination
- ? ? Address 2 sites near Pt. Hope (Project Chariot site and unnamed site)
- ? ? Review budget line items for extensive transportation needs to remote villages
- ? ? Increase Tribal consultations
- ? ? Increase remote community cultural/historical knowledge
- ? ? RABs should not be used to address tribal leaders but communities
- ? ? Increase tribal input and consultation
- ? ? Responses to community questions/concerns often are not adequate
- ? ? Use local resources for input
- ? ? Increase inter-RAB communication
- ? ? Conduct a Relative Risk Ranking/Training/Scheduling/Budget/Transportation Workshop for RAB members
- ? ? Change DoD Cleanup Policies s - e.g. the Air Force's Clean Sweep Project includes debris removal which had been excluded from Environmental Restoration funding.
- ? ? Provide better coordination between what needs to be done and who does it.
- ? ? Need RAB website for all RABs to see what others are doing.
- ? ? Include list of useful web addresses in RAB resource book.
- ? ? Conduct cross cultural training for Project Managers – a decrease in "attitude" needed
- ? ? Consult with tribal elders and hunters re: sampling of subsistence resources in remote communities e.g. fish sampling
- ? ? Navy · Army · Air Force coordination needed--Clean-up efforts should be combined when practicable
- ? ? Determine whether Corps of Engineers can allow communities/RABs to conduct sampling
- ? ? Communities should be more specific when asking DOD for clean-up assistance. State specifically that everything related to contamination of a site needs to be cleaned up.



- ? ? Poor science is being used in the clean-up program's site characterizations
- ? ? DOD allows contamination to remain in place--use of Natural Attenuation is increasing--this shouldn't be the cleanup of choice.
- ? ? Concern that new RABs/sites may be a lower priority for cleanups, even if contamination is worse than existing sites.
- ? ? Training needed for community so they can conduct own clean-ups
- ? ? Adak RAB communication has greatly improved!
- ? ? Web Page for RABs --use newspaper articles to present information
- ? ? A better RAB/Tribe relationship is needed
- ? ? Subsistence issues are a top priority – Warning signs need to be posted in contaminated areas that are in common use by citizens and children
- ? ? Offsite migration of fuels is of concern to local communities.
- ? ? Need to establish a Regional RAB to deal with remote sites
- ? ? Military needs to know how to “Walk through the land” (assist tribes/communities to build infrastructure so own people can clean up their land)
- ? ? DoD needs to establish a policy/budget to train/assist tribes to do their own clean-ups.
- ? ? It's important how our own people walk across our land. They want their own people to be able to take care of their own futures.
- ? ? Health experts should attend RAB meetings to spark community interest
- ? ? Military should consult with local health providers regarding local health problems
- ? ? DoD needs to express gratitude and acknowledge contributions of native lands to DOD war efforts
- ? ? Communities are interested in any studies re: PCBs on arctic slope
- ? ? DoD needs to establish better communications within their own chain-of-command
- ? ? Invite Center for Disease Control to attend roundtables in the future



STAKEHOLDER ISSUES

1. Department of Defense (DoD) --Improve Communications with Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs)

- ? ? Continue communication with Stakeholders after Record of Decisions (RODs) are finalized
- ? ? Strengthen circle of responsibility for our land
 - Work together
 - Forget past mistakes
 - Respect for all
- ? ? Military should improve communication between branches and talk to each other first, then talk to RABs
- ? ? Educate VS Communicate
 - Provide "big picture" on decision-making process
 - Use guest speakers and make videos to leverage Project Manager's historical knowledge
 - Earn trust of RAB members and community by providing orientation level (i.e. "RAB 101") information at RAB meetings
 - Provide information about laws, regulations, and budgeting procedures and policies governing the cleanup program; Tell how long study/cleanup will take; Provide an explanation of "relative risk"; Explain why one site gets more funding than another
 - Present training videos for Project Managers to use at meetings
 - Build trust and relationship between project manager and RAB member
- ? ? Partnering Issues - RABs want advice and mentoring from Project Managers and regulatory agencies before contracts are awarded in order to get best contractors supporting communities
 - Ensure 8A set asides
 - Establish training budgets for local communities
- ? ? Develop a 5 year RAB training plan – Obtain DoD input regarding training curriculum
- ? ? Send a state-wide restoration newsletters to all villages to promote Inter-RAB communications
- ? ? Establish a environmental restoration "distance learning" program through state library system for community members
- ? ? Establish a website for RABs that includes hot-links to access information repository documents and distance learning programs
- ? ? Provide more information to communities on pending restoration projects earlier in the process. Involve the community early in the cleanup process. Discuss drafts of out-year programming drafts with the RABs.
- ? ? Set up an 800-number then use it!

2. Better use of Cultural Resources

- ? ? Take advantage of Tribal consultations
- ? ? Sit face-to-face with tribal elders and tribal staff to gather historical information.
- ? ? Notifying communities of proposed actions should be the first step taken
- ? ? Increase attendance of tribal Elders and representatives at RAB meetings
- ? ? Go into the community to get local health information from community members -- this helps build trust
- ? ? Provide more information to villages about potential grants for villages.



- ? ? Develop a school-age outreach program for children to educate them about environmental issues

3. Earlier involvement in clean-up process

- ? ? To promote trust between RABs and Project Managers, provide short educational information sessions at each RAB meeting
- ? ? Explain programming documents to RABs – provide drafts for RAB input
- ? ? Provide hazwopper training to local communities
- ? ? Provide information about cleanup schedules
- ? ? Provide site impact statements before the site shuts down
- ? ? Increase inter-departmental communication between the military and regulatory agencies
- ? ? Develop strategy to consolidate restoration funding under one lead DoD branch, then go out and cleanup sites
- ? ? Broaden scope of work of Environmental Restoration Program to include things like debris removal.

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Evaluation Summary

More than 110 people attended the Roundtable. Evaluation forms were distributed to all attendees. We received 33 evaluation forms. The following is a summary of the responses. Written comments have been recorded verbatim.

1. Attendance Category – check all that apply

ATTENDANCE CATEGORY	NUMBER
Citizen Stakeholder	7
State Regulator	4
Federal Regulator	
Tribal Stakeholder	4
Military	17
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Kaktovik, Council Member, Inupiat History Language and Cultural Commission member - TAC Shareholder - IRA Tribal Member, Cully Corp. Director – V.P - Tanana Tribal Council Environmental Specialist

2. General Comments

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Roundtable as a whole was a valuable experience.	13	16	2		
I have a better understanding of DoD's environmental cleanup as a result of attending Roundtable.	6	12	10	1	
I found the panel presentation to be relevant and informative.	6	18	4	2	
I was able to provide input on the subjects that concern me.	7	10	5		

3. Comments on Roundtable

- I thought it was much more positive than last year which shows that progress is being made. There were several good recommendations for information sharing and using the Internet as more of a tool.
- It may help to move to a 2-day session in the future so that more discussion could take place on planning improvements.
- Another suggestion would be to have a DoD cleanup session/workshop mid-way through the year rather than waiting a whole year.
- Extremely educational as a new player!!
- Key for me was to listen/hear and learn.
- This was accomplished.
- Great Job! Thanks
- Great
- I feel next year we should videotape these sessions for our co-chairs that have been weathered in.
- Make avenues more available for RAB Co-chairs to attend by funding from DOD.
- DoD needs a central representative. Lots of service perspective, but no macro DoD view. DoD REC is not able to meet this role.
- Having a facilitator great help.
- Need more advanced planning for RAB input on presentations.
- Sign-in/check sheet on front table had partial current info. on attendees and some that was 3-4 years old, including name of commander which has been gone that long. Not good. Also, very little info. on arrangements given to RAB – no parking info. Or where session would be in Egan center.
- Next time include more urban RAB issues.
- Need to preface meeting with 1) Location of bathrooms and phones; 2) Who can sit at roundtable and who should be in secondary seating – not everyone saw the signs.
- Suggest all RABs at head table get a 2-minute session at the start. Do it in order of seating or by roll call of each RAB.
- Revise the question – I already thoroughly understood DoD's program before the Roundtable. How shall I respond? Strongly Disagree? (This comment was in response to statement contained in #2 above: I have a better understanding of DoD's environmental cleanup as a result of attending Roundtable.).

- Control over amount of participation by DEC Program Manager. She tended to dominate the morning session.
- The Elmendorf RAB members tried to portray expertise they didn't have on rural Alaska.
- Need stronger focus on Community Co-Chair input and use of experts in the audience.
- Discussion on each issue in the P.M. was extremely valuable. Ms. Lewis did an excellent job facilitating.
- The Remedial Project Managers CD distributed - Excellent.
- The Forum was informative.
- The panels and sessions should be two days for presentations i.e. budget, risk, site ranking, the differences between the services, etc.
- More information and fact sheets on references, resources, training opportunities, Internet addresses etc., so that RAB members can take home with them or at least in the upcoming mail-out package.
- Please try and clean-up the Aleutians – to clean-up rather than selectively clean-up.
- It takes time, money resources to mobilize – now “we” get the needed training and resources in place, “take it out.”.
- All the information I learned from the other RABs were similar to what I had. I feel that each area that is affected have their own priority of what needs to be done. The DoD needs to look at each area and help them out, so that each Ethnic group will be satisfied and become more trusting to them.
- Only thing now to do is learn the process of the RAB and carry out the clean-up and hope that there won't be any more contamination in our ethnic livelihood.
- Alaska Native Health Board should explain in more detail the main causes of cancer i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, lifestyle etc... Tell it like it is! Don't wash down or omit information! It leads natives to believe pollutants/contaminants are the main cause of cancer, which is not true.
- Bring people in from Washington D.C., that can respond to these people and provide answers. At the base level many officials don't have the answers, nor can they make change in existing policies and programs.
- This event “Alaska Forum on the Environment” has become the “Alaska Native Forum on the Environment”.
- Not all that was said by community representatives at the RAB Roundtable was true! There were misleading and inaccurate statements.

- Thank you for the opportunity to be a participant in the roundtable. We are thankful for the clean-up that has been accomplished thus far. Our concerns remain in terms of the chemical affects on the land in which gather our food and water. The bioaccumulation of contaminants in people (priority #1) and large mammals (priority #2) that we consume. Priority #3 is wetlands and natural plants and the possible leaching from buried barrels etc. etc. Our concern remains due to the contaminants of the groundwater streams/wells due to oil put on roads.
- The Alaska Restoration Advisory means to advise you on the restoration. The White Alice site is on a hill behind Tanana. Before the actual clean-up began there were many tons of trash of hazardous materials buried – we want these located and removed.
- Most of the Panels presented were informative, but when do we get answers?
- I agree there needs to be an apology to the people that these sites have affected.
- We are concerned because if nothing is done now we are looking at our children dying at a high rate in the future from cancer. There are many red flags showing now. Lets not ignore these signs, but work together to eliminate the problem.
- Again, thank you for the opportunity to relay concerns, and the \$\$ in getting here.
- The Air Force didn't come to listen – they came to talk. They cut off two native speakers to pat themselves on the back!!
- This is the first meeting I've been to. It's very interesting, good to see people whom I haven't seen for years. It was an insight for me to see such a big roundtable. Impressive!
- I would like to see more communication between the EPA, DoD and especially the Elders of our North Slope Communities with RABs.
- I am glad RAB has meeting at our village every three months. Being here I am going to every meeting, if and when I'm home. Thank you very much.
- Length of the meeting was too short for in depth RAB to RAB discussions, maybe two days next time.
- Facilitator did a fabulous job, by not interrupting people during their comments no matter what length they went to, very respectful.
- Feedback will be good, if all comments are put down and listened to.
- More serious health issues should be taken into account.
- Honest answers, honest timelines for clean-up and testing of all sites.
- Use stakeholder communications. Most military personnel do not know or even want to know the personal, cultural aspects of living in a post war zone. As in wanting to own and keep that land.
- Lets see Action Action.
- Thanks, Joann, Connie, David: (check the time, whirling fish disease)

- I don't like a person to repeat what I say in a different way. The phrase, "so what I hear you say is" I guess what your hearing me say is what I said. If you need me to rephrase, let me rephrase.
- Very well run. I thought the meeting was productive. Criticism was largely constructive. Facilitator should be used in future years. This type of interaction helps people from all attendance categories see one another as people and not "the government" or as the "the public". This helps us appreciate the frustrations we all face, but from different perspective.
- RAB roundtable was better than last years. The use of name cards to recognize individuals desiring to speak was a great idea. However, it resulted in the people not sitting at the table to be observers rather than participating.
- Introductory speakers need to be eliminated or the time they are allowed to speak should be limited. Long introductory remarks reduce the amount of time for interaction between RAB members.
- ADEC speaker seem to take the lead on a lot of questions directed towards DoD. Seems like the DoD REC should have answered the questions or asked the individual services to provide the answer.
- The panel discussion did not relate to RABs. Most of the speakers did not tie things together and discuss how they work with RABs.
- May be desirable to have a 2 day session next or at least have some break out sessions where common issues can be more fully explored.
- There was an over all desire for increased training. Suggest next year a couple of training break out sessions be held on relative risk, budget process, etc.
- Questions not addressed about Meade River and Nuiqsut. Went home without answers.
- Let's lay all out tools and knowledge on the table and work together.
- It is apparent that there are some fundamental issues that go much deeper than concern over environmental contaminants released by DoD and their effects on the native communities.
- There is a clear atmosphere of mistrust between the native/tribal representatives and the military and the civilian staffers that are executing the clean-up program. This shouldn't surprise anyone; The military's mission has been to carry out political objectives, among which has been eliminating resistance from Native Americans.
- I believe that the conflict between military/native Americans on clean-up issues are the tip of the iceberg that is made up of over 300 years of history between anglo white and Native Americans cultures. Until this issues is honestly recognized and addressed; mistrust and frustration will continue to be the hallmark of the community relations program with natives.
- It is getting better!!

- This round-table went smoother than last year. Needs to be continued. However, many of the comments are recurring! Might be beneficial to have specific topics.
 - One thing not needed is political, self-serving statements.
 - Stress – that history is history and the important thing is now something is being done!
 - Good session. Met several good contacts from follow-up and heard lots of good feedback from several different RABs. Look forward to next years session. Very well done.
 - Would like to see expanded format that includes more specific topics of interest. For example, in addition to a panel on contaminants in traditional foods, also have panels on things such as communication, RABs, etc.
 - Great format – excellent opportunity for folks to be heard.
 - The forum might be a great opportunity to provide DoD folks some annual “cross-cultural” training to help folks better understand how to work with diverse Alaskan cultures.
 - The community concern regarding having input to data collection and clean-up plans needs to be followed through. Any efforts to move forward without this involvement is wasteful because the distrust prevalent among community members will prevent the military from presenting convincing positions without it, no matter what the good science is. Great format – excellent opportunity for folks to be heard.
 - The suggestion that communities participate in prioritizing DoD work has some problems that need to be addressed before it can be implemented. There is definitely room to get input from the community. However, since each community wants their site to be cleaned up first. There is an incentive for community members to overstate the risks locally. The military project manager will have to assess the info. Collected and try to rank the sites in a relative manner as before to overcome this problem, but the info. Can definitely be improved by involving the community to an extent.
 - If you publish a time schedule, please adhere to it to allow those who want to join from other sessions.
 - Very good forum. It appears though we tend to side step an issue if the answer may not be what people want to hear. I believe we need to be less afraid from telling it like it is. We need to let people know that the rules are the rules. Until the rule is changed, we are bound by the way we must do business.
4. What are your expectations for follow-up to this Forum?
- Show the community that we hear their concerns by involving them in planning the projects that we initiate.

- Implement issues that are able to be implemented.
- Better information exchange.
- Minutes out within 45 days
- Follow-up to show what actions are being taken on suggestions.
- Great notes so I can take actions!!
- Contact list, references, and schedules of future relevant events.
- Minutes, forward up to HQ of each service.
- Report to all participants.
- RAB committee member(s) on the panel.
- Agenda items and feedback by February.
- Detailed meeting summary of issues.
- When is the next forum?
- Tribal consultation to discuss, strategize and plan for further solutions to our environmental messes.
- I would expect the stakeholder's inputs, the panel discussion and discussions on common issues minutes sent to me.
- Personal contacts will be followed upon.
- Draft after action to participants w/in 3 months for comment. Final at least three months before next.
- Possible inter RAB communications or website for statewide RAB and cleanup issues.
- Would like to see not only meeting minutes, but posting info. on some web site.

5. How would you prefer to provide information to DoD?

Forums	8
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Other	- RAB Roundtable - Ask community elders/leaders
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6. How would you like to communicate with DoD in the future?

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Other	- Newsletters - RAB Roundtable

7. Do you have access to the Internet?

Yes	18
No	1

8. Additional information you would like to receive:

- DoD resources – health, communication, UXO, etc.
- Not all RAB members have Internet. Mailings must take place – with follow-on to issue documents/info. is received.
- Statewide RAB newsletter.
- Minutes from meeting.
- I would like to see an Internet site.
- Upcoming mtgs., trainings, that will help develop infrastructure to deal with environmental restoration.
- List of DoD contractors and subcontractors and any non-performance violations incurred by each. Are they still able to bid contracts?

8. Additional Comments

- Thank you to Jo Ann Grady and Connie Lewis for a great Roundtable. Also thanks to Roger Lucio for his constant communication before I came down here. All the questions he promptly answered too!
- Very well done. Progress is occurring. We (State, DoD, everyone involved, including communities) still have a long way to go on communications.

- Dave, great job...
- Hope all sites are identified and made a priority – And that clean-up is accomplished for our state. This clean-up should not involve burial. Take out materials. We do not want this in our backyards anymore. Alaska is the last most pristine state, lets clean it up. Thanks.
- Update on other RAB's accomplishments and failures.
- Extend length of format.